

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 JAKART 07559 090957Z

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 OMB-01 TRSE-00 /056 W

-----091101Z 129283 /23

R 090701Z JUN 77

FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1623

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMCONSUL MEDAN

AMCONSUL SURABAYA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE JAKARTA 07559

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT, ID

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL RESULTS OF 1977 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

1. SUMMARY. THE FINAL, OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE 1977 INDONESIAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS GIVE GOLKAR 232 SEATS (62.11 PERCENT OF THE VOTE), PPP 99 SEATS (29.29 PERCENT) AND PDI 29 SEATS (8.60 PERCENT). COMPARED TO 1971, PP GAINED SLIGHTLY, WHILE GOLKAR AND PDI LOST A BIT. ALTHOUGH THE PPP "WITNESS" AT THE VALIDATION CEREMONY REFUSED TO SIGN THE VOTE REPORT FORM, THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE RESULT LEGAL. END SUMMARY.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA (GOI) HAS ANNOUNCED THE FINAL, OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE 1977 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, HELD MAY 2. THE GOVERNMENT-BACKED GOLONGAN KARYA (GOLKAR) WON 232 SEATS IN PARLIAMENT, GARNERING 62.11 PERCENT OF THE POPULAR VOTE (COMPARED TO 236 SEATS AND 62.80 PERCENT IN 1971). THE MOSLEM-BASED UNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 JAKART 07559 090957Z

(PPP) GAINED 99 SEATS WITH 29.29 PERCENT OF THE VOTE (1971: 94 SEATS, 27.12 PERCENT), WHILE THE CHRISTIAN AND NATIONALIST DOMINATED INDONESIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDI) GOT 29 SEATS AND 8.60 PERCENT (1971: 30 SEATS, 10.09 PERCENT). GOLKAR, WHICH WON EVERY PROVINCE IN 1971, THIS TIME LOST BOTH JAKARTA AND ACEH PROVINCES, AND WON ONLY A TINY PLURALITY IN SOUTH KALIMANTAN. IN GENERAL,

PPP WAS STRONGER THAN IN 1971 IN SUMATRA AND THE WESTERN PART OF JAVA, WHILE GOLKAR RAN BETTER IN THE EASTERN HALF OF INDONESIA.

3. ABOUT 64 MILLION INDONESIANS CAST LEGAL BALLOTS, 90.57 PERCENT OF THOSE REGISTERED TO VOTE. IN PART BECAUSE A SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER NUMBER OF BALLOTS WERE APPARENTLY DECLARED ILLEGAL THIS YEAR, THE LEGAL VOTER PARTICIPATION PERCENTAGE WAS DOWN MORE THAN 3 PERCENT FROM 1971.

4. THE PPP "WITNESS" AT THE RESULTS VALIDATION CEREMONY REFUSED TO SIGN THE VOTE REPORT FORM, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PPP CENTRAL EXECUTIVE BOARD. HE SAID THE REFUSAL WAS BASED ON DOUBTS ABOUT THE RESULTS REPORTED FROM SEVERAL PROVINCES, ESPECIALLY EAST AND CENTRAL JAVA AND SOUTH SUMATRA, WHERE LOCAL PPP OFFICIALS EARLIER HAD REFUSED TO SIGN PROVINCIAL VOTE REPORT FORMS. (AT THE SAME TIME, PPP-AFFILIATED MEMBERS OF THE ELECTION INSITITUTE DID SIGN THE VOTE REPORT FORM, ALONG WITH THE OTHER INSITITUTE OFFICIALS.) INSTITUTE CHAIRMAN, INTERIOR MINISTER AMIRMACHMUD, ADMITTING HE WAS DISAPPOINTED AT THE PPP MOVE, CONCEDED IT WAS PPP'S "RIGHT" NOT TO SIGN, WHILE DECLARNG THE PPP REFUSAL DID NOT DETRACT FROM THE LEGALITY OR VALIDITY OF THE RESULTS. THE PDI "WITNESS," WHO DID SIGN THE REPORT FORM, ATTACHED AN "EXPLANATION" TO HIS SIGNATURE, INDICATING THAT THE PDI WISHED TO PRESENT ITS COMPLETE VIEWS ON THE ELECTION TO THE PRESIDENT, AT A MEETING REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEKEND.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 JAKART 07559 090957Z

5. COMMENT. WHILE THE PPP IS STILL PIQUED OVER ALLEGED ABUSES IN THE ELECTIONS, THERE IS NO SIGN IT PLANS ANY FURTHER FORM OF PROTEST. THE PARTY EARLIER DECLARED ITS ELECTED MEMBERS WOULD TAKE THEIR SEATS IN THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

NEWSOM

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ELECTION RESULTS, POLITICAL PARTIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 09-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977JAKARTA07559
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770205-0984
Format: TEL
From: JAKARTA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770674/aaaacnbu.tel
Line Count: 105
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 2d331782-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 18-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2217561
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: OFFICIAL RESULTS OF 1977 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS
TAGS: PINT, ID
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/2d331782-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009